

In the Specification:

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CROSS-REFERENCE

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Page 1, line 5, please make the following change:

~~Description~~ **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, line 6, please insert the following heading:

1. The Field of the Invention

Page 1, line 7 to 9:

The present invention relates ~~related~~ to a method for determining the suitability of an optical material for the production of optical elements, to a device for carrying out the method, and to the optical elements made from the use of the optical materials determined ~~to be suitable~~ using the method.

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2. Related Art

Page 3, line 7, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION